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Note verbale dated 22 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire and, with reference to paragraph 7 of resolution 1643 (2005), has the honour to submit the attached information regarding the actions taken by the Republic of South Africa to implement effectively the measures imposed by resolution 1643 (2005) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 22 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1572 (2004) CONCERNING COTÊ D' IVOIRE.

The United Nations Security Council by resolution 1572 (2004) imposed an arms embargo, travel restrictions and an assets freeze and requested that member states of the United Nations take the necessary measures to implement the sanctions measures.

ARMS EMBARGO:

The system of arms regulation in the Republic of South Africa:

The National Conventional Arms Control Committee:

The National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) is the authority responsible for the control over trade in conventional arms and rendering of foreign military assistance. The NCACC is a statutory body that reports to Parliament and it consists of Cabinet and Deputy Ministers.

No person may trade in conventional arms or render foreign military assistance unless that person is registered with the Directorate Conventional Arms Control (DCAC) and is in possession of a permit authorised by the NCACC and issued by the DCAC. The DCAC is the secretariat to the NCACC.

Permits are required for armaments development and manufacturing, marketing, contracting, exporting, importing or transferring (conveyance) of conventional arms, which includes; weapons, munitions, vessels (land, sea and air) designed for war, articles of war, and related systems, components, technologies, dual-use goods or services.

Application for registration and permits are processed by DCAC, which refers them to various government departments for review. A scrutiny committee considers reviews from government departments, and then makes recommendations to the NCACC.

Arms Transfers in respect of resolution 1572 (2004) renewed by resolution 1643 (2005).

The NCACC withdrew all requests for arms transfers to Cotê d' Ivoire in accordance with resolution 1572 (2004) in November 2004. For record purposes, the last Export Permit for the transfer of conventional arms to Cotê d' Ivoire was issued by the NCACC on 11 February 2003. This export Permit was for category C equipment, namely 6 transceiver, airborne – ACR500 V/UHF with accessories, 6 x panel, control – transceiver ACR430 and 2 x mounting tray, radio dual purpose, to the Ministry of Defence of Cotê d' Ivoire. This permit expired on 28 March 2003.

Travel Restrictions:

While travel restrictions were imposed by resolution 1572 (2004), the names of those affected were only approved in February 2006.

Of the three nationals of Cotê d' Ivoire listed against travel restrictions, only one individual entered South Africa. The record of the individual is as follows:

Name of person: Mr. Goude C. Blé

Details of his movement

16.06.2005 – arrival via Johannesburg International Airport on flight number SA089 with Ivorian passport PDAE088DH 12. Admitted on a visitor's permit QSMRP6R for holiday purposes valid until 15.07.2005.

22.06.2005 – departure via Johannesburg International Airport

No subsequent movements could be traced.

Assets freeze:

The authorities responsible for financial and assets matters in South Africa report that they have no record of those listed on the Coté d' Ivoire sanctions list. This in effect means that those listed in the sanctions list have no assets or banking accounts in South Africa.

Additional Information

The Chairperson of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1643 (2005) concerning Coté d' Ivoire, Mr. Alex Vines, paid a visit to South Africa from 13 to 14 July 2006. Mr. Alex Vines, in his capacity as the arms expert of the Group was accompanied by Mr. Oumar Sidi a customs expert.

The purpose of the visit by the two experts was to;

- Obtain information about a company, Tresso Trading or Tresso Handling of 36 Ring Road, Esso Point, 0001, Pretoria;
- Obtain information on a Mr. Michael van den Bosch; and
- Discuss the activities of the Ivorian defence Attaché in South Africa.

Findings by the Authorities in South Africa

- The DCAC reports that no company registered as Tresso Trading or Tresso handling is registered with them in any capacity.

- No person by the name of Mr. Michael van den Bosch is registered as an arms broker or as director of any of the companies registered with the DCAC.